

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN DX ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

AND

BY-LAWS

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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN DX ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasure and benefits of the association of amateur radio operators commonly interested in pursuing DX, do hereby constitute ourselves the Southeast Michigan DX Association, a non-profit organization, and enact this constitution as our governing law.

It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members; to promote DX-ing in our area and in the world; to seek to improve the operating practices and procedures of our members and the DX community; to gather and disseminate DX information; to assist, when possible, in the sponsoring of DX-pedition and DX contests; to foster contact and the exchange of information with other DX associations throughout this nation and the world, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of DX-ing and of Amateur Radio in general.

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

There shall be three types of membership: Full, Associate and Honorary.

- I.A Only licensed amateur radio operators who hold a valid DXCC awarded by the American Radio Relay League shall be eligible for Full voting membership.
- I.B Any person who holds a valid amateur radio operator's license and who had demonstrated his/her interest in DX by submitting evidence of having confirmed thirty-five (35) countries currently listed on the countries list published by the American Radio Relay League may be an Associate member without the right to vote.
- I.C The Association may, by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Full members in attendance at any regular or special meeting, bestow Honorary membership on deserving DX-ers.

ARTICLE II – OFFICERS

The Officers of the Association shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Award Manager and Program Chairman.

- II.A The Officers of this Association shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the Full members present provided there be a quorum at the June meeting.
- II.B Vacancies occurring between elections shall be filled by appointment to be ratified by the Executive Board.
- II.C Officers of the Association may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Full membership.

ARTICLE III – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- III.A The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and shall conduct the meeting according to the rules adopted. He shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-laws, decide all questions of order, sign all official documents that may be executed by the Association, make committee appointments as required and perform all other duties as directed by the membership.
- III.B The Vice President shall assume all the duties of the president in the absence of the latter. He shall assist the President as required.
- III.C The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all regular or special meetings and the proceedings of any Executive Board meetings. He shall keep a roll of Full, Associate and Honorary members, submit all applications for membership received to the Executive Board, carry on all correspondence, and mail written notices to each member. He shall at the expiration of his term turn all items belonging to the Association over to his successor.
- III.D The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the Association. He shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. He shall give a Treasurer's Report at each meeting. He shall, as directed by the Executive Board and/or membership, disburse Association funds as required. He shall at the expiration of his term turn all items belonging to the Association to his successor.
- III.E The Awards Manager shall at the request of any member inspect and certify application for any operating award requiring a certified extract of an applicants log or review of required QSL cards. Such certification shall be in the name of the Association. He may appoint committees or assistants as required to assist him in specific branches of activity.
- III.F The Program Chairman shall organize Association member activities, plan and recommend contests for operating benefits, and advance Association interests and activities through programs when possible. He shall be in charge of any Association "nets" and shall establish format and make provisions for Net Control Stations. He may appoint committees or assistants as required to assist him in specific branches of activity.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, a minimum of one-third (1/3) of the Full members shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business.

ARTICLE V – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

The Association, by majority vote of the Full members present at any regular or special meeting, may levy upon the membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization within its objectives as set forth in the Preamble. Non-payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from the Association within the guidelines of the By-laws of the Association.

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

This Constitution or By-laws may be amended by a majority vote of a Full member quorum.

- VI.A Proposals for amendments shall be presented, in writing, to the Executive Board at any regular business meeting. The Executive Board shall evaluate each proposal at the next Board meeting and present its recommendation for a vote at the next regular meeting. Copies of proposed amendments shall be mailed to members before the meeting at which they are to be voted on.

ARTICLE VII – RULES

The proceedings of the Association shall be governed by “Robert’s Rules.”

BY-LAWS OF THE SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN DX ASSOCIATION

- No. 1 Executive Board: The Executive Board shall be composed of the Association's elected Officers and three Directors.
- No. 2 Directors: The immediate Past-President shall automatically become a Director for three or four years upon completion of his term of office as President. In the event the incumbent President is elected to a second term, the current Past-President Director may continue for three more years. The three current Directors will decide who will resign as the Past-President Director is installed. Any Director will not serve more than four consecutive years.
- No. 3 Term Of Office: The term of office for all elected officers shall be one year. No officer shall serve more than two consecutive years in any one position.
- No. 4 Membership Applications for membership shall be submitted to the Secretary at any regular business meeting. The Executive Board shall review the application and act on it within thirty (30) days. All applications for membership shall be accompanied by the appropriate initiation fee as outlined in the By-laws. In the event the application is rejected, the initiation fee shall be returned.
- No. 5 Dues and Initiation Fees: A regular annual assessment for Full and Associate members as prescribed below is hereby addressed in accordance with the provision of Article V of the Constitution for the purpose of providing funds for current expenses. Dues for Full and Associate members shall be \$20.00 per year. [Adopted February 2005] All dues for current members are due not later than July 1st. New members shall pay their dues the first regular meeting after their admission.
- 5a. Each Full or Associate member shall be assessed an initiation fee. The initiation fee shall be \$5.00.
- 5b. Members whose dues are delinquent at the October meeting of the Association shall be dropped from the membership.
- 5c. If a dropped member applies for reinstatement, a new initiation fee shall be required.
- 5d. Any Associate member who is awarded an initial DXCC of any mode and has paid the required fee of Initial DXCC of \$10.00 after October 1, 1990, and who submits proof thereof to the Secretary of the Association, will receive one year free membership in the Association. [Adopted January 11, 1991]

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- No. 6 Voting Rights: Only members in good standing whose dues and Initiation fees are paid in full shall have the right to vote and hold office.
- No. 7 Meetings: Regular meetings shall be held on the 2nd Friday of each month from September through June at such time and place as the Executive Board shall order. There will be no meetings of the Association during the months of July, August or December.
- 7a. Special meetings may be called as needed by the President at the request of the Executive Board or by written publication signed by three Full members of the Association. Notices of special meetings shall be sent by regular postal service so as to arrive not-less-than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting time.
- No. 8 Elections: The President shall at the April meeting, appoint a Nominating Committee who shall draw up a slate of candidates for presentation to the membership at the May meeting of the Association. Whenever possible at least two candidates shall be presented for each office.
- 8a. Nominations from the floor shall be accepted providing prior consent has been obtained from the person being nominated.
- 8b. Elections shall be by secret ballot at the June meeting. The new or re-elected officers shall assume their duties on July 1st.
- No. 9 Expenditures: All expenditures of monies shall be reviewed by the Executive Board and recommendations made to the membership at the next general meeting.
- No. 10 Business Year: The business year of the Association shall be from July 1st to June 30th.

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